CMAHA CELEBRATES BY ATTENDING

Great Jam of People Makes the Reception a Crush and Gives the Employes an Idea of the Public's Interest.

About 20,000-25,000-20,000 and then some Omehans crowded, packed, jammed their new postoffice building last night to suffocation. And then some more, more than likely, for there was no estimating the number. Cer. sistant Woodard. A few words about tainly there never was held in Omaha a reception which compared with this of the poxtoffice officials and clerks and carriers in everybody was there, or at any rate one bobbed up against almost everybody he

The figures given, even the highest, are conservative, and this can be very easily proven. At any one minute during the hour and a half during which the reception was at its height there were 10,000 people on the floor. This is computed from the square feet capacity of the flooring. Then for an hour were given away were swallowed up before

doors of the building were awang open and tagestry table covers; white bedspreads, promptly at 7:30 o'clock. But long before that hour arrived the human avalanche had begun gathering and the long, wide steps of the Sixteenth street entrance were packed.

When the doors were consider a crowded. When the doors were opened a crowded stream of people flowed into the main corridor and from that time until 9 o'clock the entire postoffice floor was completely con-gosted. At one time the crowd threatened to sweep over all the furniture in the department and for a quarter of an hour the doors were closed in order that it might thin out bit This occurred about 8:30 o'clock and then a solid mass of people etill extended from the engrances of the building to the curb, awaiting admittance. The reception was supposed to end at 9 o'clock, but it was

after 10 before the last guest left. People talk of crushes at receptions, but if they were not there last night they never will realize what a real crush is. It was no ordinary crowding. If one got into the push he was in it and he could not get out. He was in the grip of a monster. He was dragged along the whole 600 feet of corridor, carried around behind the postoffice screen into the fortunate few were able to tear themselves out of the crush and examine the side offices. A view within was all that was allotted on as he slowly passed by the open doors, bu that gave some idea of the magnificent rich

POSTAL FORCE KEPT BUSY. The attendance was far beyond the an ticipation of the postoffice people, but they were more than equal to the emergency from Postmaster Martin down to the lowest clerk on the postoffice ladder. They all shook hands with everybody who wanted to, seized every opportunity to explain the points of the new building, answered with villingness and gladness every question that was thrown at them, received congratulations with fitting responses and in every way appeared to be thoroughly enjoying thempolves and to be desirous of having their guests have just as good a time. Almost every one of the force was present and made himself or herself a member of the reception committee, although the badges and bouquets which marked the members of this body were worn only by the follow-ing: Postmaster Martin, Assistant Postmaster Woodard, James Martin, R. C. Davis, Davis, James Dugdale, C. E. Burmeister, Miss Zadle Dorsey, Miss Krutll, Miss Luclle Truckey, Miss Mentzingo, Miss Belle Scott, Mrs. Mathlesen, J. Latey, J. E. Cramer, William Kelly, J. H. Tebbins, C. N. Burket, A. Newm Charles Creighton, Charles Newton, Brady, Tom Dwyer, Tom Croft, D. W. Til-lotson, E. G. Fisher, Ed Hoag, E. N. Bowles, A. M. Olson, L. Proulx, C. C. Westerdahl, L. D. Metz, William Erickson, L. Ander-

son, W. W. Conoran, J. F. Lally, W. J. Mettlen and H. F. Sherer. The big jam was in the workroom behind the postoffice screen, this point seeming to be of special attraction. Possibly this wa caused by the fact that they were given chance to see the postoffice machine at work, for mails had to be sent in spite of the reception, and the clerks in this depart ment worked as if there was no one looking on. Possibly the music had comething to do with it. The Exposition orchestra sat upon a palm-covered platform in the center of the oom and rendered a program of delightful music throughout the reception. Whatever was the crowd persisted in sticking here and a number of times threatened to overthe entire workroom, past the ropes that were meant to keep them away

The room was beautifuly adorned. Heavy festoons, flags and banners of the Ameri colors were draped all about the walls and from the four eides huge portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and McKinley gazed down upon the crowds. Big palms. bunches of roses, every variety of plants were placed upon the cases, desks, pillars and every available point, transforming the workshop almost into a conservatory. Brilliant electric lights threw everything prom-

IN THE POSTMASTER'S OFFICE.

Postmester Martin remained in his handby the door. Upon his walls he had hung States, which were used conspicuously for the new building-Paddock, Manderson, and white Thurston. Bunches of beautiful flowers were The ceremony was performed by Rev. O Bunches of beautiful flowers were scattered about the desks.

The office of Assistant Postmaster Woodwalls were hung some of the portraits which as groomsmen. The bride entered on the will make up his gallery of all the post-masters who have held the position in Omaha. Among those lacking was that of A. D. gown was a heavy lvory satin with full court Jones, the first incumbent, but this absence was more than made up by the presence of the venerable pioneer of the city. Although weak, he had insisted on attending the openating, and he sat in state in the office and received the greetings of many as they filed ceived the greetings of many as they filed

Burlington

"Vestibuled Flyer."

OMAHA, 5.05 P. M. CH1CAGO, 8.20 A. M.

An 1898 train for 1898 travelers.

- -Wide Vestibules -Pintsch Gas -Sleeping Cars
- -Chair Cars
- -Smoking Car
- -Dining Car.

ficket Office, 1502 FARMAN ST. J. B. REYNOLDS, Pass's Asv.

THE POSTOFFICE by. Benide him was placed a picture of the hut which was the first postoffice building

In all the other offices also the same bandfurniture. All this, the music and the souvenirs which were given away, was the offering of the postoffice employes to the citizens of Omaha. For weeks they have been working and preparing for the event. The expense of it all was paid by them-selves, a fund for the purpose having been aised among themselves. And when the eception was over they felt that they had been more than repaid by the magnificent response that the citizens made to their in-

HANDSOME SOUVENIR.

The souvenirs presented to the guests as ong as they lasted were handsomely gotten p. The covers were of handsome green crepe paper and contained only the "Our New Postoffice" and the date. Within was a representation of the new structure and portraits of Postmaster Martin and Asnew building, a brief history of the Omaha pox office, the roster of the employes and the musical program composed the remainder of the contents. The postoffice officials celebration of their occupancy of their new had not expected such an attendance as was home. It might very briefly be said that present and consequently secured but 10,000 of these booklets. The supply was entirely

nsufficient to satisfy the demand.
During the evening Postmaster Martin received the following telegram from Congressman Dave Mercer: "I extend my heartiest congratulations to you, your associates and the citizens of Omaha. Handsomest gov-ernment building in the United States."

### HAYDEN BROS.

Bargain Sale at the Big Store after the throng had thinned out people still passed in no mean quantities through the corridors. The 10,000 souvenir booklets which kilondike double faced outing, only 5c yard; big let of remeable of course of the let of remeable of the let Mill remnants of fast colored Irish lawn big lot of remnants of outing figurel, 4c, 5c, 714c and 9c a yard; remnants of white, red. the affair was bolf over. Twice as many more 71/2c and 9c a yard; remnants of white, red. would have been needed to satisfy the destribed and checked flannels at prices to The reception was set to begin and the flannel, etc.; special bargains in chenille

BIG SALE ON FISH. We carry the largest stock of fish in the west. Very choice boncless codfish, 4%c, 5%c and 6%c; whole strips, very choice codfish, 914e; pure snow white cod, worth 20c, at 1214e; large family mackarel, 314e, 5c and 14c; fancy fat Irish mackarel, 94c, 11c and 24c; Columbia river salmon, blood red, 614c. 715c and 816c; choice herring, 315c, 5c, 6c and 715c; oil sardines, 315c and 5c; Milchner herring, large kegs only, 85c; gallon cans York state apples, 19c; 10 bars any brand of laundry soap, 25c. At the Transmissis sippi headquarters.

HAYDEN BROS. HYMENEAL,

One of the brilliant events on the new year's calendar in Conaha society was the marriage of Miss Florence Knox, only daughworkfroom there and pushed out into the cold ter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Knox, to Mr world again through the cear door. Only a Frederick Hartman of this city last even ing at the residence of the bride's parents 1029 Georgia avenue. While the wedding it self was a quiet, but beautiful affair, the reception following was one of the most elab-orate functions of the season. It was attended by over 100 representatives of the leading families of Omaha.

The wedding took place at 7 o'clock in the front parlor of the spacious residence, the remeny being performed by Rev. Thomas Mackay, rector of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal church, The bride and groom ctood on a raised dais under a handsome capopy of smilax. The bridal party entered the party for to the usual wedding march well rendered by an orchestra concealed behind stately palms in an adjoining alcove, Elizabeth Parrote was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were: Misses Martha Blair Stone and Louiso McPherson of Omaha and Sara Masingale of St. Louis. Two little Wood, added greatly to the attractiveness of the scene. The groom was supported by Dr.

ttractive aigrette. She carried a large bunch of lilies-of-the-valley. The maid of, honor and the bridesmaids all looked lovely in gowns of white organdic over white taf-fetas with short veils of white tulle aderned with white bows and aigrettes, similar these worn by the bride. The maids carried

handsome bunches of narcissus. Between the hours of 8 and 11 a large re eption was held, and Mr. and Mrs. Haytman were heartly congratulated by their numer ous friends. Supper was served in the dining oom, which was prettily decorated in green and white for the occasion. The center-piece at the table was of hyacinths, and about i were large dishes of spun sugar, settling off he table with good offect. The presents wer isplayed in the ball room on the third floor. and included many valuable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman left for an extended southern trip last evening. They will be at home to their friends after March 1 at 1029 Georgic avenue. The bride is well known in Omaha society as a vivacious and cotertaining young woman in several recent ameteur operati leading parts with considerable ability. The groom is the clost son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hartenan of this city and is well and favorably known.

Ignatius Donnelly-Hansen. MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 22.-The marriage o

Miss Marion Olive Hansen and Ignatiu Donnelly was solemnized today at high coor with much pomp and ceremony. The nuptials were celebrated in the church of the bride, the Norwegian Methodist, which was com-pletely crowded with an audience of abou 600, which evinced a deep interest in the affair. Outside a vast concourse gathered to catch glimpses of the pretty young bride and the distinguished groom as they en-tered. The church had been handsomely Postmester Martin remained in his hand-decorated by the Epworth league of the fome suite of rooms in the northeast corner church, of which Miss Hansen was an active of the building and received the congratula- worker. A notable feature of the decorations tions of hundreds of people who were able was the mingling of the flags of Norway to tear away from the gream that flowed with the Union mark and of the United portraits of the senators who had worked | floral decorations were carried out to green

tered about the desks.

he office of Assistant Postmaster Woodwas as handsomely adorned. Upon ite B. Burk and J. B. Hawthorne of St. Paul

train. litical cast, as the guests were largely from among Mr. Donnelly's legislative associates Mr. and Mrs. Donand political friends. celly leave tonight for an eastern trip six weeks' duration, and on their return will eside at Nininger, Dakota county. The bride, who is 22 years of age, has

been for about two years Mr. Donnelly's

Trey-Stephenson The marriage of Miss Mildred M. Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stephenson, to Mr. Elmer J. Irey occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, 1992 Cass street, on Monday evening at 5 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Williams, rector of St. Barnabas' Protes-tant Episcopal church. The ceremony was witnessed by the relatives of the bride and groom and a few intimate friends. A brief recention followed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Irey left for a trip which will include St. Louis, Washington, Baltimore and New York. Miss Stephenson is well and favorably known in Omaha, being the daughter of one of the pioneer families. In the recent ice carnival she held the position of Queen Polaris. Mr. Irey is connected with the office of city treasurer and is a brother of ex-County Treasurer Irey.

Ten-Year-Old Swindler. John Sutton is the youngest "short change" operator ever brought to the attention of the Omaha police. He is under arrest charged with fleecing Miss Florence Becker of 1823 South Nineteenth street out of \$1. He was on a huckster's wagon and sold the young woman some fruit. She gave him a \$5 bill to change and he is charged with having kept a dollar. Sutton is 19 years old. tention of the Omaha police. He is under

### SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

The action brought by the city last sum mer to restrain Crosby & Rich from selling ice cut from the pond at Jetter's brewery has at last been settled, Judge Scott having issued an order making the injunction perpetual. Sanitary Inspector Carroll sought to interfere with the business of the plaintiffs and a restraining order was served on Carroll preventing him from taking any

steps to in any way injure the business of Crosby & Rich. When the case came up for final hearing in the district court Monfor final hearing in the district court Mon-day neither Carroll nor his attorneys were present and the plaintiffs went ahead and gregated. After the main portion of the nade their showing. It was on this showing that Judge Scott issued the order making the injunction perpetual, All of this trouble, which caused a great

deal of talk last summer, was started by a desire on the part of the city officials to empel ice deriers to submit to an inspection of their product and to pay for a chemical analysis not oftener than once a month during the summer season. As these chemical analyses cost all the way from \$15 to \$25 the ice dealers did not take kindly to the plan and in order to make a test case the city picked out Crosby & Rich, alleging at that time that the ice they sold showed the largest per cent of impurities. Every step in the case was contested by able at-torneys, the city being assisted in the prosecution by a well known Omaha lawyer.

Yesterday the committee appointed by the newly organized Commercial club to solicit members did a flourishing business and it is firmly believed that at the next meeting, to be held on the evening of March 1, fully 150 persons desirous of joining will be pres-The business men interested assert that they see no reason why such a club as the one planned cannot be made a success and accomplish a great deal of good. It is known that some of the packers favor the organization and one prominent packer has promised financial help. It is understood that a committee will call on the offi-cials of the packing houses and stock yards ompany and solicit subscriptions.

One business man said yesterday that the club would be all right and a good thing if it was kept out of politics and good men placed at the head of it. The sentiment stems to be against the election of any person holding a political office to an office in the club, the desire appearing to be to have none but active and well known busines men at the head of the enterprise.

It has also been suggested that a suitable outton be purchased and worn by the members. These buttons, it is said, could be sold to the members for \$1 and the profit placed in a fund to be known as an enter-

Warrant Injunction Suit. Today or temorrow the case wherein

Councilman A. R. Kelly of the First ward ought to enjoin City Treasurer Broadwell rom paying the warrants ordered issued to Carbagemaster Lenagh will come up in the J. M. Gillan. His rendition of Riley's "Wh latrict court. This is where the city council oted to Lenagh the sum of \$700 for remo og garbage after it was ascertained the he cost of removing such garbage could no be legally taxed up to the property owner A majority of the council seemed to think that as Lenagh bad done the work on the order of the canitary inspector he should be oald and warrants were ordered drawn for the amount mentioned. Councilman Kelly fought the proposition and on August 12. 1897, secured an order of the district cour njoining the treasurer from paying the warrants. It is understood that the warrante are now in the possession of an innocent older in Omaha who will assist the city in defending its position.

Hawthorne Beating Apparatus. Architect Beindorff, who is in charge o he heating and ventilating apparatus at Hawthorne school, stated yesterday that Wilcox of this city as best man.

The bride was handscorely gowned in heavy white satin, with a short veil of white working in a satisfactory manner. It is brennan.

While satin with a short veil of white working in a satisfactory manner. It is Brennan. will be held one week to hear the reports of the architect and contractor and in case the work is not satisfactory other arrangements will be

Closing the Trenches.

Concrete was being laid yesterday in the N street gas trenches and as soon as this hardens the pavement will be put down City Engineer Beal is keeping a sharp ey on this work in order to see that th trenches are properly filled and concrete o a sufficient thickness is laid. It is though that by the last of the week this portion of the street will again be in a passable con-

Home Ranch Saloun Matter.

The Home Ranch saloca matter has a ast been settled and the \$300 deposited with the city treasurer for a license has been withdrawn. The proprletors of the place have purchased a license from Max Lenz Twenty-fourth and A streets, and at the nex meeting of the council a request will be pre cented asking that the license be transferred.

Serious Cutting Affeny,

Mike Kelly, a member of the fire depart aent at Cudahy's, was severely cut last night by Phil Harper. The fracas was the result of a quarrel at a dance in Blum's hall. Harper fied immediately after the outting and has not been arrested. The injury to Kelly will not be fatal.

Complaints Against Mud Creek. A petition is now being circulated amount the residents of Albright and the residents of Sarpy county who are located along the line of Mud creek urging the city council take some steps to abate the nuisance As soon as enough property owners have at-

Degree of Honor Officers.

be sent to the council.

tached their signatures to the paper it will

Upchurch lodge, No. 2, Degree of Honor has elected the following officers: Mrs. Behmke, P. H. C.; Mrs. Joseph Volz, C. H. Maggie Lawiess, L. H.; Mrs. Doran, C. C. Mrs. Sullivan, recorder; F. Prett, financier Mrs. Rock, receiver; Mrs. Cahill, N.; Mrs. Dickard, I. W.; Joseph Volz, O. W.; Anna O'Hara, musician.

Magie City Gossip. A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Clark. Charles J. Collins has returned from

rip to Chicago. W. C. Dinwiddle of Parkman, Wvo., was business visitor in the city yesterday. John Keogh of Salt Lake City, Utah, was business visitor in the city yesterday. B. W. Reynolds of Central City brought shipment of sheep to this market yesterday The Nebraska Stock Shippers' association

The directors of the Packers' Building and loan association will meet today to elect officers.

meets at the Dellone hotel in Omaha Thurs-

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. David Webber, Eighteenth and Washington streets. The new Degree of Honor lodge will mee Thursday evening at Workmen hall. All

members are urged to attend. The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon a the residence of Mrs. Harry Dennis. The birth of a daughter at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Twenty-second and O streets, was reported yesterday. Clint Morgan, formerly a member of the city council here, but now located at Sloux City, was here yesterday visiting friends. There will be Ash Wednesday services at St. Martin's Episcopal church this morning

and evening, special services will be held at St. Clement's mission. Tom Scupa has been arrested and charged

SOCIAL EVENTS OF LAST EVENING. Washington's Birthday Party at the

First Methodist Church. George Washington would have felt much at home had he happened in at the First Methodist church last pight. There was quite a gathering of continental celebrities there, not to speak of a lot of plain citizens the colonies. It was to pay a tribute to the memory of one of their number who has since become known as the Father of His Country that these good people assembled at the meeting house at early candle-lighting time and did not disperse until after late bedtime. There was a program appropriate to the occasion, containing many good things of a secular nature and some of the evening's formal entertainment had been disposed of the colonial celebrities who were there marched around the room to music that would have made their great grandfathers' eyes bulge in horror if they had heard it in a meeting house. To the strains of the Washington Post march the following made the Journey that all might see who they were: Unclo Sam, George Anglia; Columbia, Mirs Merrill; George Washington, Spencer Brooks; Martha Washington, Mrs. Wickersham; John Adams, George Mickel; Abigail Adams, Mrs. Hodges; Thomas Jefferson, E. Adams, Mrs. Hodges; Thomas Jenerson, E. R. Stilphen; Susan Jefferson, Miss Burns; James Madison, Dr. Rex; Dolly Madison, Miss Butts; James Mcoroe, R. W. Derrick; Eliza Monroe, Miss Emerson; Patrick Henry, J. Francis Gish; Elizabeth Henry, Miss Wilson; Marquise de Lafayette, Louis Cortelyou; Marquise de Lafayette, Nora Emerson; Baron yon Stouben, Edith Burns, Local Bellinger. von Steuben, Edith Burns; Lord Baltimore, John Mellen; Lady Baltimore, Miss Williams; Jerome Bonaparte, Ray Bowen; Madame Bonaparte, Miss Stickney; William Penn, A. L. Babcock; Mistress Hannah Penn, Miss Cortelyou; Alexander Hamilton, George Hamilton; Mistress Mary Hamilton, Miss Graff; Captain John Smith, Walter Staley; Pocahentas, Dalsy French; Widow Betsey Ross, Miss Philbrick; Miles Standish, George Wickersham; John Alden, J. E. Hodges; Priscilla, Mrs. Mickel; Goveral Braddock, Mr. Davenport; Mistress Annabel Braddock, Miss Loftus; General Wolfe, Stewart Me-Diarmid; Mistress Sushannah Wolfe, Mrs. Kelly; Commodore Perry, Dr. Jackson; Mis-tress Betsey Perry, Mrs. Burchard; Governor Winthrop, George Strang; Mistress Rachel Winthrop, Miss Haverly; Chief Justice Jay, C. B. Helmer; Sarah Livingston Jay, Miss beeides a goodly company of Quakers and Quakeresses; Puritans and Puri-tan dames and maidens; Virginia cavaliers and ladies, and North American Indians. Washington's birthday was celebrated last

ight by the Men's Clan of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. The church was decorated with flags and the program was of the patriotic sort appropriate for such an occasion. M. M. Hamlin, master of ceremonles, made the address of welcome, explaining the nature of the Mcn's Clan, Dr. F. H. Sanderson, pastor of the church, read an interesting paper entitled "Glimpses of Washington," in which he treated Washington's character in an entirely different way from that of the ordinary biography. "America" and other national hymns were sung by a quartet of the clansmen. The particular feature of the evening was the reading of the Frost is on the Pumpkin" was especially

A Mardi Gras carnival for the benefit of the Holy Family church was given last nigh in Creighton hall. The affair was largely patronized by the friends of the church, over 500 being present. A specialty program of uniform excellence had been arranged, composed entirely of home talent. A fairy drill opened the program, given by a stage full of "minims," and a Wash-nigton drill, in red, white and blue, followed, by the senior girls. An enjoyable solo was contributed by Misses Helene Wyman and Anna Rush and Mr. Guider. good operatic farce finished the program, in which parts were taken by Misses Emma Gentleman, Jennie Croft and Delia McDer-mott and Messrs. Miller and Moran. Those who composed the grand chorus were Mes-dames Cobry and Walsh and Misses Myles, McDermott, Croft, Danahey, Gentleman,

A card party was given in Myrtle hall las night by the Degree of Honor lodge, No. 102, Ancient Order of United Workmen, in recog-nition of the pational holiday. About 200 of the lodge members and their associates of present and most of the evening was spent t the card tables. After the prizes had been awarded refreshments were served, followed by an informal dance.

A goodly number of his friends last night gathered in Washington hall to celebrate the afficient birthday of Carl A. Jocobsen, one of the prominent citizens of his nationality Omaha and a veteran singer of the Nor ien Singing society. The affair was as thoroughly enjoyed by those who gave it as

The earlier portion of the evening was occupied with a program of addresses, music and recitations. The addresses were delivered by Mayor Frank E. Moores, Hon. Birger Bark of Chicago, Hon. John L. Webster and Postmaster Euclid Martin. The Norder Singing society gave a number of celections soprano solo was rendered by Mira Emma oeller, a violin solo was rendered by Robert Cuscaden, a duet was sung by Miss Emma Moeller and Prof. Edgren, a recitation was given by Adolph Edgren and op eratic scenes from "Faust," in costume were rendered by Miss Moeller and Miss Ellen Anderson, who took the parts of Margarita and Siebel respectively. The pro-

gram was thoroughly enjoyable, At its conclusion a considerable number of the friends of Mr. Jacobsen took in a banquet which was served in the lower dining hall. When this had been satisfactorily discussed a series of toasts were re sponded to, in which the friendly the speakers and the rest about the board had toward the guest of honor was amply testified to. The evening closed with a ball. A committee, consisting of Prof. Adolph charge of the affair.

Last evening at the Hayden Annex the Derthick club held another of its educational and entertaining meetings. The program was devoted to the compositions of the Frenchman, Charles Gounod, and was under the direction of Mrs. A. P. Ely. The charac terization of the composer was read by Miss Knight and the analyses by Mrs. Peck. The program consisted of the following selections from the opera "Faust:" Dio Possente, sung by Mr. Moore; the waltz, arranged by Liszt, played by Miss Jones of Council Bluffs; the flower song, sung by Mrs. Ely, and the ballet music, played by Miss Watson and Miss Race. Miss Mullen sang the song "Oh That We Two Were Maying" and Miss Wyman Peobles has in his possession a petition adsang a barcarolla. A large attendance was present and the report read by Miss Kimbail. the escretary, showed that the condition. The are in a very prosperous condition. The next meeting will be held two weeks hence and Winnebago Indians. The petition, beneat meeting will be devoted to composition of the program will be devoted to composition of the program will be devoted to composition of the program will be devoted to composition.

Omaha society, that is the real swagger et, improved the latest opportunity to en-by itself on the fantastic toe before the nmencement of the Lenten season last evening at a cotillion given by Miss Flora Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webster, at Morand's dancing hall. It was a grand affair and compared favorably with any german or cotillion that has been given in Omaha during the present season. The hall was beautifully decorated and, filled with the youth and beauty of the Gate City, presented an attractive and ani-

mated picture.

The catillion was led in a very creditable fashion by Mr. Arthur J. Cooley of this city. Several new favors were introduced and all were novel and amusing. One of the new favors caused the dancing men to do a little athletic work in handling pretty ropes attached to barrel staves before being able with riding away with a horse belonging to
A. Delanney. Twenty-fifth and J streets.
The animal has been recovered.

to claim their partners for the dance. The cotillion was participated in by about 100 dancers and was witnessed by a number of dancers and was witnessed by a number of the older representatives of the first familles of the city. The guests in the main in-cluded the members of the Cotilion club. In ing street car. The platform gate against addition to these there were nearly a dozen visiting young women and a few guests from Council Bluffs. Omaha. He is a brother of Congressman Marsh of the Warsaw district, with whom he

### AT THE HOTELS.

Captain W. P. Murphy of the United States secret service is at an Omaha hotel, having come in last night from Cincinnati. He brings fresh from the moonshining camps in the mountains of Kentucky a new story for the truth of which, however, he refuses

A rat fell into a barrel of illicit whisky through the bunghole. A cat happened upon the scene and the rat pleaded to be saved from drowning. Now this cat had a compassionate nature and it asked the rat what he would give to have his life saved.
"I will give you anything you ask," replied the struggling rat.

"Then promise me that on next Monday morning at 10 o'clock you will let me de-vour you," said the cat.
"I promise," the rat rejoined.
But the cat was suspicious and asked:

What assurance have I that you will keep

"I make the promise upon the honor of a Kentucky gentleman rat." The cat helped the rat out of the barrel and he scampered off to his hole. At the hour appointed for the cat to eat the rat he went to the latter's hole and shouted down to his intended victim "Who's there?" usked the rat.

"It is I-the cat that saved your life. have come to eat you as per agreement. "Did I enter into any such agreement

with you?" asked the rat in a voice that indicated astonishment. "You did," replied the cat, "and you prom-ised that you would keep your word upon

the honor of a Kentucky gentleman rat. "Well, that promise don't go now," re plied the rat seriously. "When I made it I was in likker." "I wonder how many people have stopped

to consider what course the Spanish battle-ship Vizcaya, now anchored in New York harbor on a friendly visit to the Unite States, would pursue should war be de clared between this country and Spain be clared between this country and Spain before it leaves our waters," said J. R. Wright
of Detroit at a hotel last evening. "Would
it bombard New York or would it try to
pass the forts? If it did the latter, would
the United States try to stop it? International law is elaborate and sweeping upon
many points, but here is a question that it
does not deal with, and there is no precedent
by which the aution could be wind. by which the nation could be guided. During the trouble between the United States and Spain over the Virginius affair, a Spanish war ship was in dock in the navy yard at Brooklyn. A declaration of war was ex-pected daily and the Spanlards were prepar-ing to go out when a coal barge was sunk accidentally directly in front of where the ship lay. War was not declared, but the accidentally directly in front of where the ship lay. War was not declared, but the Spanish officers were in a mighty pickle for several days. This country did not have many war ships then, and the Spaniards would have made an interesting and useful addition to our navy had there been war. My opinion is that the ship now in New York harbor would first attempt to pass the fort, and, failing in this, would bombard the city with the idea of doing as much damage to with the idea of doing as much damage to life and property as it could before being captured or demolished."

'It is a notable fact,' satd Charles D. Mc Untock of Chicago leet night, "that restling is growing in favor among athletes. The Amateur Athletic union has taken up the sport and laid down rules to govern the bouts between clubs in the various sections Neb.; J. W. Murphy, Sloan, Ia.; W. M of the country. Athletic clubs now send their quota of wrestlers to the annual indoor meets as a matter of course, just as they send runners, jumpers, pole vaulters, relay teams, boxers and fencers. To be a champion wrestler means much. No other achieve ment within reach for aspiring athletes implies so much physical fitness. A man who wreetles is bound to be strong all over uside and out, and, on account of his har monious development is sure not to be mus-els bound. Scientific wrestling is not nearly so dangerous as other sports of brawn and endurance and it is by long odds the only true and perfect test of muscular develop-ment and strength."

"I am privileged to make the boast," said Walter M. Gregg of Des Moines, at the Millard, last night, "that I saw Abraham Lin-co'ci twice, and each glimpse of his striking features made a deep impression on me. The first time was in the Thirtieth Street station of the Hudson River Railroad comany o New York. Lincoln was on his way o Washington to be inaugurated president. My uncle was an official in the railway service and secured admission tickets for myzelf and aunt. These gave entrance to the waiting room of the station through which the president-elect was to pass. I was 10 years of age, and as the time for the arrival of the train drew near I became anxious lest I should not get an opportunit o see the great man. I remember that the room was crowded with people, many them wearing badges, and outside a vast multitude swarmed about the heavily guarded doors. The police did a good deal of pushing and hauling god finally everything was ready. Then came a tremendous cheer ing up the railroad track; there was a shrill whistle, a loud rumble, and then the people in the room began cheering, too. I was in agony by this time for fear I should miss him. I was too big a boy to be asked to be held up and there was nothing for me to stand on but my own short legs. Then came a little confusion at the doorway, and almost before I could draw my breath a very tall man with a high hat, a gray shawl about his shoulders and a smile upon his rugged face, passed swiftly across the room. He passed within two feet of me and as he towered above the committeemen I had no in getting an excellent view of his kindly features. A wild cheer arose that deepened into a mighty roar. The committeemen

streamed out, there was a rumble of car-clage wheels and he was gone. "A little more than four years later I saw his coffin, in the catafalque in the public square. It was the came face that had stamped itself upon my memory in the New hall. A committee, consisting of Prof. Adolph Edgren, Fred Karlen and G. Williams, had Darkened, surken, drawn—the smile was gone, the look of bright alertness departed And yet I am very glad now that I had th privilege of looking upon him the second time. Those are gracious memories to me. At every recurring anniversary of his birth I picture him as I saw him on those two oc casics-going forth to his work and coming home with the harvest."

W. E. Peebles of Pender reports that the fight over his candidacy for the Indian agency of the Omaha and Winnebago reservation is getting warmer every day. He asserts, however, that only a handful of dressed to Senator Thurston, signed by 127 names, representing every republican in The birthday party given for the benefit of the Visiting Nurses' association yesterday afternoon was an enjoyable affair and enriched the treasury of the worthy charity verse to Mr. Peebles; the meeting was a secret one, unknown to any excepting the rival applicants for the agency position, to gether with a few of their friends and thes with about half a dozen of Mr. Peebles' personal enemies from Pender (making all told probably twenty-five persons), comprised the meeting that passed the resolutions in favor of republican harmony by turning W. E. Peebles down." Mr. Peebles feels confident that he will yet fetch the coveted ap pointment.

> Personal Paragraphs C. H. Carter of Boston is at the Millard D. Burleigh of Fairbury is a guest at the

C. E. Wilkins of Philadelphia, Pa., is

Charles D. Marsh of Warsaw, Ill., is in

guest at the Barker.

Millard. James B. Fearon of New York is at the Millard. J. C. Halliday of Chicago is registered at the Millard.

George R. Moore of Oxford Junction, Ia. Charles L. Pollard and wife of Milwaukee Wis., are stopping at the Barker. H. C. Welch, a prominent merchant of Beatrice, is registered at the Millard.

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Colonel J. F. Maguire of Grand Forks, N D., is in the city. He is among the wealth-iest capitalists of his state and has extensive wheat growing interests in both Minnesota and North Dakota. James Addison Procter, one of the mos

extensive growers of thoroughbred Hereford cattle in the United States, is registered at an Omaha hotel. His home is in Chill cothe, Mo., where he maintains a fine liv stock farm. G. W. Hansen, W. H. Barnes, A. V. Pease

Crandell, Denison, Ia.; C. Kirk, Carroll, Ia are at the Mercer. Peter Younger, Geneva; J. P. Dunlar Dwight; C. C. Marshall, Arlington; L. C. Chapin and J. H. Hadkinson, Lincoln; C. H. Barnard and F. W. Linn, Table Rock; J. W. Stevenson, North Bend; Charles Nownes of Papillon are members of the State Hor-

ticultural society at the Hotel Barker. The Government's Domain

The commissioner of the general land office has submitted his report to the secre tary of the interior. Compared with lasyear it shows a decrease of 3,298 homestead entries, aggregating 378,625 acres. proportionate to this is the falling off i form irregularity of the bowels. This ca tetter's Stomach Bitters, also a remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, rheumatism and liver

trouble. Cooley Tells Another Story. Relative to the case wherein Mrs. Hall ccused Julius S. Cooley of neglecting her interests and accepting a \$10 retainer fee and then allowing her suit to go by default, Cooley tells a different story. He says that the woman employed him to look after a suit wherein W. R. Homan took her house hold furniture, alleging that she owed hir for the rent of a flat on North Seventeenth street, and that he did everything that any uttorney could do in the premises, Discussing the Hall case, Cooley said The woman's property was taken away b Homan, and as soon as I learned of the fac-I instituted proceedings, and at the tim when Judge Scott entered his order, citing me to appear, I was securing the return the property. More than this, I had the property put in Mrs. Hall's possession, and

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